
Activity Report 2007

Fiscal Year 2007 (1 Apr 2007 – 31 Mar 2008)

I. Research Activities

1. Revised the “Map of Research and Development” and summarized site monitoring instrumentation technology
 - 1-1. Research committee chairman revised the first “Map of Research and Development”
 - 1-2. Summarized monitoring instrumentation technologies on press-in execution then clarifying problems for developing press-in technology
2. Expand the network with mechanical engineering and instrumentation engineering
 - 2-1. Contacted Prof. Nakao from University of Tokyo, department of mechanical engineering
 - 2-2. Prepared for establishing Research Subcommittee, therefore Research Committee members were trying to contact specialists of site monitoring instrumentation technology
3. Support the first research awarded winners
 - 3-1. 9th August 2007, visited Shimizu Corporation Institute of Technology and Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd. with Dr Inui from University of Kyoto and Mr Chris Chau from University of Cambridge
 - 3-2. 20th November 2007, held the field trip with Assoc. Prof. Uchimura from University of Tokyo and 14 students from Prof. Maekawa Lab at a press-in execution site of Keikyu Daishi Line in Kanagawa prefecture, Japan

II. International Workshop Activities

1. Preparing for 2nd IPA International Workshop
 - 1-1. 16th July 2007, Prof. Bolton and Dr White visited Japan to have a meeting with the IPA Secretariat and Award Committee to decide the date, place and schedule of 2nd IPA International Workshop and the outline of 2nd Research Award
 - 1-2. 6th to 10th December 2007, Secretary General Dr Okumura and Auditor Mr Tanaka went to New Orleans to select the venue of 2nd workshop. They also visited the head office of ASCE to ask their support at the workshop in New Orleans.
2. Expand network with ASCE
 - 2-1. When the President of ASCE and some members visited Japan, Secretary General Dr Okumura and Ms Tsuburaya joined the party that was organized by ASCE Japan and asked them to support 2nd IPA International Workshop.

III. Committee Activities

1. The Board of Directors

1-1. The first Board of Directors meeting was held from 31st October to 16th November 2007.

The agenda was as follows;

- (1) New IPA logo
 - (2) IPA statement of accounts (the first half of fiscal year 1st April to 30 September 2007)
 - (3) Ask for IPA Directors' approval for the new members
 - (4) Schedule of 2nd International Workshop, the General Assembly and the Board of Directors meeting
 - (5) Establishment of IPA Japan Branch
- and all member agreed unanimously.

2. Administrative Committee

2-1. 2nd November 2007, the first Administrative Committee meeting was held at Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd. Tokyo Head Office. Attendees were Mr Tanaka, Administrative Committee Chairman, and 6 other members.

The agenda was as follows;

- (1) Revision and supplement of the IPA Constitutions and regulations
- (2) Establishment of IPA Japan Branch
- (3) Introduction of "PayPal" system for easy money transfer from international members

3. Research Committee

3-1. Engineering Advancement Association of Japan. Attendees were Dr Tagaya, Research Committee Chairman, and 3 other members.

The agenda was as follows;

- (1) Research paper for 2nd International Workshop and schedule of General Assembly
- (2) Result of the meeting with Prof. Kusakabe, Tokyo Institute of Technology
- (3) Research paper of the 1st IPA Research Grant Award
- (4) Research proposal of 2nd IPA Research Grant Award
- (5) Activities of Research Committee
- (6) Establishment of Research Subcommittee
- (7) Activities of Award Committee
- (8) The joint research with Prof. Nakao, The University of Tokyo
- (9) Others

3-2. Second Research Committee meeting was held on 1st February 2008 at Engineering Advancement Association of Japan. Attendees were Dr Tagaya, Research Committee Chairman, and 3 other members.

The agenda was as follows;

- (1) Explanation of joint research to Prof. Nakao, the University of Tokyo
- (2) Research Subcommittee for instrumentation
- (3) The theme of 2nd IPA Research Grant Award
- (4) Research paper of 1st IPA Research Grant Award
- (5) Date of 3rd Research Committee meeting

3-3. The third Research Committee was held on 12th March 2008 at Engineering Advancement Association of Japan. Attendees were Dr Tagaya, Research Committee Chairman, and 3 other members.

The agenda is:

- (1) Research paper of the 1st IPA Research Grant Award
 - Interim Report
 - Full Report
- (2) Call for Proposal of 2nd IPA Research Grant Award
- (3) Research Subcommittee for instrumentation

4. Public Relations Committee
Office of the president from Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd. supported IPA public relations, therefore Public Relations Committee meeting was not held. The activities are mentioned in the next part.

IV. Public Relations

1. Building up and updating the IPA Website
 - 1-1. 16th April 2007, officially started the IPA Website
 - 1-2. Continuously updated articles of the IPA Website
2. News Release
 - 2-1. 10th October 2007, had a press conference about “Establishment of International Press-in Association” at Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport Press Club, in Tokyo Japan
 - (1) Newspaper
 - The Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun (11 October 2007)
 - Nikkan Kensetsu Sangyo Shinbun (11 October 2007)
 - Kenki Shinbun (15 October 2007)
 - Japan Metal Bulletin (15 October 2007)
 - Concrete Kogyo Shimbun (18 October 2007)
 - Kentsu Shinbun Tokyo (5 November 2007)
 - (2) Magazine
 - Civil Engineering Journal
 - Nikkei Construction
 - 2-2. 27th March 2008, Mr Kitamura, Honorary Chairman, had an interview from the Daily Engineering & Construction News. It will be released in the early May in 2008.
3. Lecture
 - 3-1. 29th June 2007, Secretary General Dr Okumura lectured “Establishment of IPA and Future Trend of Japanese Infrastructures” at the 2007 General Assembly of the JPA (Japan Press-in Pile Association).
 - 3-2. 26th July 2007, Secretary General Dr Okumura lectured “Establishment of IPA and Future Trend of Japanese Infrastructures” at Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd. Tokyo Head Office, which was recorded on the VTR and distributed to all Japanese branch offices of Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd.

V. Service for IPA Members

1. Recruiting New Members
Office of the President from Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd. supported to recruit new Individual Members and Corporate Members.
31st March 2008: Total of Individual member: 424
 Total of Corporate member: 8
 Total of Student Member: 2
2. Member's Card
IPA Secretariat bought a card printer to make the member's card.

VI. Branch Activities

1. Preparation for establishment of the IPA Japan Branch.

VII. Board of Directors

16 Feb 2007

Board of Directors

Alphabetical order of family name in the same assignment

Assignment	Appointee	Position and Belonging Organization		
Chairman	Malcolm Bolton	GB	Professor	University of Cambridge
Vice Chairman	Robert D. Holtz	US	Professor	University of Washington
Vice Chairman	Kozo Tagaya	JP	Emeritus Professor	Kochi National College of Technology
Vice Chairman	Limin Zhang	HK	Associate Professor	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Secretary General	Tadahiko Okumura	JP	Director Research	Engineering Advancement Association of Japan
Director	Leo A. Hubert, Jr.	US	Former Deputy District Engineer of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	
Director	Takehiko Iizuka	JP	Fellow	The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers
Director	Osamu Kusakabe	JP	Professor	Tokyo Institute of Technology
Director	Barry M. Lehane	AU	Professor	University of Western Australia
Director	Koichi Maekawa	JP	Professor	The University of Tokyo
Director	Kenichi Soga	GB	Professor	University of Cambridge
Director	A. F. van Tol	NL	Professor	Delft University of Technology
Director	David White	AU	Professor	University of Western Australia
Auditor	Adrian F. L. Hyde	GB	Professor	University of Sheffield
Auditor	Takaaki Tanaka	JP	Director	Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd.

VIII. Organization

